



Halton
Housing

Board Meeting Summary



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Placeshaping Strategy

Board approved the Placeshaping Strategy which aims to improve services for residents and ensure continued sustainability of our neighbourhoods by addressing inequalities arising from:

- Environment – Green Spaces.
- Fuel and food poverty.
- Digital and Financial exclusion.
- Employment and Education opportunities.
- Housing Quality.

We are underway with our first pilot neighbourhood plan. “Destination Ditton” includes the following initiatives.

- Working in partnership with Department of Working Pensions and Halton People into Jobs to provide employment support to our customers.
- Working in partnership with HBC to create a community shop which will contribute to the reduction of food poverty.
- Working in partnership with HBC and Power in Partnership (PIP) on a youth project within the Ditton area to reduce ASB and gang culture and provide accreditations for future employment.
- Reduce digital poverty by donating 50 laptops to Ormiston Chadwick Academy in Ditton.
- Working in partnership with HBC to improving our neighbourhoods by providing gardening facilities, allotments and providing more open green space.

Our Direction (OD3), Budget and Performance Measures for 2021/22

Board approved the priorities for OD3, budget and key performance measures for 2021/22.

Our priorities for 2021/22 include.

- Continuing to invest in and improve the customer experience
- Keeping our customers safe by investing in our homes and neighbourhoods
- Building new homes
- Investing in our people and IT systems
- Maintaining our financial strength
- Continuing to develop our brand and reputation

The budget satisfies our financial requirements for the next financial year.

For the first time, the key performance measures include a target for the number of properties with an EPC level C and above as part of our commitment to improving the energy efficiency of our homes.

New Scheme Approval

Board approved one new scheme in Middlewich that will provide 16 new homes: 8 for rent and 8 for shared ownership. This is an exciting opportunity and demonstrates our continued commitment to building much needed new homes during these unprecedented times.

NHF Code of Governance (2020)

Board approved changes to the Board Membership Policy and a new Board Succession Policy as part of the implementation of the action plan to ensure compliance with the above by March 2022.